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EB/OT-MGLITMAN

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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, NU

SUBJECT: BANANAS

REF: MANAGUA 1142

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1. STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO FIGUERES BY SOMOZA THAT FIGUERES "CHECKED THIS TAX MATTER OUT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAD FOUND THAT THEY DID NOT OBJECT" IS MOST PUZZLING AND REQUIRES REACTION.

2. AS INDICATED STATE 57517, USG VERY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER COLLUSIVE MOVE BY GOVERNMENTS SEVEN LATIN AMERICAN BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES IMPOSE HEAVY TAX AND POSSIBLY LIMITATION THEIR BANANA EXPORTS. QUITE APART FROM PROBLEMS PROPOSED ACTION MIGHT POSE FOR US FIRMS INVOLVED, USG CONSIDERS MOVE OBJECTIONABLE. DEPARTMENT UNABLE UNDERSTAND WHAT BASIS FIGUERES MIGHT HAVE FOR ANY IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT OR USG WOULD NOT OBJECT.

3. ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS (INCLUDING INFO ADDRESSEES) REQUESTED (A) REPORT IMMEDIATELY IF THEY HEAR ANY REPORTS OF SIMILAR STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO FIGUERES AND (B) DISABUSE SOURCES OF SUCH REPORTS THAT THERE ANY TRUTH IN SUCH STATEMENTS.

4. SHOULD SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS INDICATE THAT PARTICIPANTS AT MEETING ARE TAKING ALLEGED STATEMENT SERIOUSLY DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. RUSH

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